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<u>Department of Emergency Management releases Oahu evacuation</u> shelter list in preparation for Ana

Honolulu— The Department of Emergency Management advises Oahu residents that the following American Red Cross shelters will be available for Hurricane Ana. The shelters listed below will open tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

SCHOOLS	ADDRESS	Area	Pets
Brigham Young University	55-220 Kulanui St,	Laie 96762	Yes
Farrington High School	1564 N King St,	Honolulu 96817	Yes
Leilehua High School	1515 California Ave	Wahiawa 96786	Yes
Nanakuli High School	89-980 Nanakuli Ave	Waianae 96792	Yes
Waimanalo Elementary School	41-1330 Kalanianaole Hwy	Waimanalo 96795	Yes

The above shelters are designated as official shelter locations by the City and County of Honolulu. An evacuation shelter should be your **refuge of last resort** if you have absolutely nowhere else to go.

Who should evacuate? Residents in the coastal evacuation zones as shown in the yellow tabbed disaster preparedness section of your telephone directory or online at www.oahuDEM.org (see Tsunami Evacuation Zones address search). Residents living in older homes built before 1995, on exposed ridgelines and anyone living in an area prone to or with a history of flooding. Remember, if you choose to evacuate to a shelter <u>you must bring all of your disaster supplies with you</u>.

Shelter-in-Place Safe Room

If you live in a home built after 1995 to current hurricane standards and you are not located in a coastal evacuation or flood zone you should consider Sheltering-in-Place in an interior room on a lower floor without windows.

The Safe Room should be in the interior of the structure, as close to the center as possible and have no outside walls - including the wall to the garage or windows. You want to place as much protection as you can between yourself and high winds and rain outside the structure.

The Safe Room should be large enough to store emergency supplies as well as fit all family members and pets. Also, the more walls surrounding the Safe Room, the better. In two-story structures, a location downstairs near the stairwell may be the strongest point.

Arrange the Safe Room so it has space for emergency supplies and bedding for comfort.

Pet Friendly Shelters

Pets are important, do not leave them at home when evacuating. If your home is not safe for you it is not safe for your pet. Pet Friendly Shelters, managed by the Hawaiian Humane Society, are co-located with select general population shelters. Residents bringing pets to designated pet friendly shelters will need to provide extra food and water for their pet, a pet carrier/cage for each pet that is large enough for them to turn around in as well as cleaning supplies. You will be expected to assist with your pet's care. More information is posted at www.HawaiianHumane.org

NOTE: If you have a pet and arrive at a non-pet shelter you can leave them in your car parked in a shaded and protected area of the shelter.

Before leaving for a shelter, residents should close windows and doors and shut off/unplug all electrical items and shut off utilities if told to do so.

Keep in mind that the American Red Cross does not allow weapons, illicit drugs, alcohol, and smoking in shelters